

Opening the Bismarck distribution center is one of the goals of the food bank's "Feed the Future" campaign, which has been raising funds since 2015 and is also hoping to expand the Fargo headquarters and increase the total of meals it serves next year. This very timely expansion of food services across the State comes when more and more people are depending on these deliveries to feed themselves and their families.

These services are possible because of a committed network of staff, volunteers, and corporate sponsors and partners, who provide the funds and workforce to continue the distribution every week throughout the year.

In this holiday season during the end of a very difficult year, I congratulate the Great Plains Food Bank on its vision and ongoing success in delivering food across the State. On behalf of all North Dakotans, I thank all who work for and with the Great Plains Food Bank for their commitment to this cause. I wish them continued success and community support for years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL J. WILDE

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Bonneville County Sheriff Paul Wilde and his more than 40 years of service to his community.

Sheriff Wilde began his career in law enforcement following the Teton Dam disaster in 1976 as a reserve deputy in Jefferson County. Within a year, he transferred to Bonneville County where he would remain for the next four decades.

Community service is deeply engrained in Sheriff Wilde. Throughout his time as a deputy in the Bonneville County sheriff's office, he also served on several boards and committees, including as a founding board member of D.A.R.E., president of the 7th Judicial Court Appointed Special Advocates, and on the governing boards of Help, Inc., Domestic Violence Intervention, and Rape Crisis. In addition, he holds an Executive Certification from the Police Officers Standards a Training Academy and currently chairs the Jail Standards Committee for the Idaho Sheriffs Association.

Through these opportunities, he learned that effective law enforcement requires a firm and daily commitment to community and personal sacrifice. Over the course of his career, Sheriff Wilde clearly demonstrated this commitment. His colleagues were not the only people to recognize these qualities in Sheriff Wilde but also the residents of Bonneville County, who elected him to three consecutive terms as their sheriff.

Sheriff Wilde leaves behind a legacy demonstrating the benefits of capable law enforcement, and we wish him and his wife Cindy the best as he transitions back to private life. His leadership and commitment to his community will be missed, but his legacy will

benefit Eastern Idaho for years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO WARREN AND JANE ALLEN

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Warren and Jane Allen of Spofford, NH. The couple served our country with distinction during World War II, and the life they built together is emblematic of the many who came home from war, raised a family, and helped to build the America we know today.

Warren, or "Bill" as he is known to close friends, was born on March 14, 1923, in Calhoun, GA. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942. When asked years later why he decided to enlist, he replied that he saw a movie about the Marines and liked the look of their dress blues. His service brought him across the country, from boot camp at Parris Island in South Carolina to "tower school" in Fort Worth, TX, and eventually to a posting at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in Havelock, NC. An air traffic controller, Bill remembers having to stand on orange crates to direct aircraft traffic at MCAS Cherry Point. The control tower had not been built yet.

Jane Post was born on April 26, 1923, in Spofford, NH. She enlisted in the recently formed U.S. Marine Corps Women Reserves in June of 1943. She trained at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and attended control tower school in Atlanta, GA. Following her training, she arrived at MCAS Cherry Point and was assigned to the air station's clearance center. It was her responsibility to keep track of all arriving and departing aircraft at the station. It was at Cherry Point that Jane's path crossed Bill's in 1943.

By November of that year, Bill had risen to a supervisor position at air station. One day, a plane carrying a U.S. Marine Corps general was descending and given clearance to land. Suddenly, a fighter pilot radioed that his plane was losing air pressure and requested permission for an emergency landing. The control tower instructed the fighter pilot to circle the air station and allow the general's plane to land first. Upon hearing this, Bill sprinted up the stairs of the control tower and demanded to know who gave those instructions. It was Jane Post.

Though he disagreed with her judgment on which plane should have landed first that day, Bill struck up a relationship with that control tower operator. They were married 5 months later on April 20, 1944, and have been inseparable ever since.

Bill continued to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps until 1946. He reenlisted in 1947 and kept his rank of technical sergeant. In 1952, he was honorably discharged from the Reserves. Jane served in the Women Reserves until January 12, 1945. She was honorably discharged upon the news that she and Bill were expecting their first child.

The Allens eventually settled in Spofford, NH, a small community in the western part of the State. Bill went on to work at a number of local banks after a short stint as the owner of the local Tuttle's Store. He retired as president of the Savings Bank of Walpole in 1993. As their children grew up, Jane returned to school and obtained a bachelor's degree in home economics from nearby Keene State College.

They also applied the leadership qualities that they refined in the Marine Corps to a variety of community endeavors. Bill served as town moderator and a longtime member of the local budget committee. He was also a captain at the Spofford Volunteer Fire Department. Jane worked to establish the Chesterfield Historical Society and was a driving force in raising funds for a new library in town. Bill and Jane were both fixtures at Keene State College basketball games, Bill as an official scorekeeper and Jane as a dedicated fan.

Last year, they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary among family and the many friends they have made in their journey from Cherry Point to the Granite State.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in thanking Bill and Jane Allen for their service in World War II and the many contributions they have made to their community in the years since. We wish them all the best in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOHN ANFINSON

● Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great advocate for the Mississippi River. After a distinguished career of public service at the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service, Dr. John Anfinson will retire at the end of this month from his position as superintendent of Minnesota's Mississippi National River and Recreation Area.

During my time as a board member for Friends of the Mississippi River, I saw firsthand Dr. Anfinson's tireless commitment to the river ecosystem. John has delighted in introducing people to the mighty Mississippi as it flows through the twin cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul and sharing stories about the historic, economic, and cultural significance of America's great river.

In each of his roles, from historian for the Saint Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to chief of resource management and superintendent of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area of the National Park Service, Dr. Anfinson has shared his love for the Mississippi with countless people in the Twin Cities and beyond.

Dr. Anfinson has been a leader in protecting the river ecosystem from invasive species and has been instrumental in saving and repurposing the Fort Snelling Upper Post buildings,